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NAMES OF YOUNG EAST TIMORESE BOAT PEOPLE SEEKING REFUGE IN AUSTRALIA

The group of 17 East Timorese who fled their island by boat arrived in Darwin under Australian Coat Watch escort on Tuesday 30 May at about 02.00 a.m., after a 5 day trip, landing at a local Australian Navy base. All contact with the refuge seekers by members of the large East Timorese community resident in Darwin, which may include relatives, and by other members of the Darwin population, including journalists, has been strictly prevented by the authorities.

Written undertakings by the East Timorese community in Darwin that its members would accommodate and take care of the refuge seekers while their application was being processed, have been ignored by the authorities. Instead, the boat people have been taken to a closed area at Darwin's international airport, and are awaiting a special flight to an isolated immigration detention camp, at the very remote Curtin Air Base in Western Australia, some 1,000 km from Darwin.

Darwin East Timorese community members, as well as members of the wider Australian community, have expressed their shock and disgust at the heartless and insensitive treatment given by Australian authorities to this latest group of East Timorese victims of Indonesian terror, upon their arrival in this country.

Meanwhile, resistance sources in Dili have provided the names of members of the group:

1. ALFREDO ALVES ARRANHADO, 26 years, married, from Dili; 2. MARIA FORTUNATA ALVES, 18 , married, from Flores; 3. FRANCISCO MIRANDA, 23 , single, from Manatuto; 4. ANTONIO PINTO GOUVEIA, 23 , single, from Baucau.
5. DOMINGOS DA COSTA, 25 , single, from Dili; 6. NICOLAU X. FRAGA,19 , single, from Baucau; 7. JOSE PINTO DA COSTA, 21 , single, from Dili.
8. FLORENTINO NEVES, 26 , single, from Dili; 9. LUISA MARIA FERREIRA, 18 , single, from Laclubar; 10. MARIO DOS REIS, 21 , single, from Baucau.
11. JACOB DA SILVA, 26 , single, from Dili; 12. FILIPE DA SILVA, 27 , single, from Dili; 13. XISTO, 22 , single, from Viqueque; 14. DOMINGOS SAVIO DE JESUS, 26 , single, from Dili; 15. Ship Captain (no name); 16. Jose Maria Auxiliadora Alves, 6 months baby, son of Alfredo and Maria. 17. (one name to follow).

It is reported that all of these (except the baby and the captain) have been persecuted since 12 November 1991, having Indonesian military Intelligence (SGI) records accusing them of being members of the Clandestine Resistance front. These records were signed by the then SGI head, the much dreaded Col. Simbolon, who last week was appointed East Timor military commander.

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